

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP LEAGUE TO MAKE REAL FIGHT

The public ownership league now being organized by the Chicago Federation of Labor won't monkey with dead issues or useless statistics or theories. It started in yesterday by spending most of its time on the teachers' fight for the right to organize.

"Labor men regard the public school system as the first and greatest public utility of the city," said Ald. John C. Kennedy. "We don't want any kind of public ownership that does not recognize the right of workers to organize."

John Fitzpatrick and Edward Nockels were elected temporary president and secretary of the league. They with John H. Walker are to appoint a committee of 25 which will draw up a constitution and by-laws and take other steps toward organization. Their action is to be submitted to the delegates elected by 154 locals of the federation.

There is in Chicago public utilities the same control of jobs and the same dictation to employees which the U. S. industrial relations commission report points to nationally. This job control, delegates said, is described in the Manly report:

"Final control of American industry rests in the hands of a small number of wealthy and powerful financiers.

"Almost without exception the employees of large corporations are unorganized, as a result of the active and aggressive 'nonunion' policy of corporation managements.

"These industrial dictators for the most part are totally ignorant of every aspect of the industries which they control, except the finances, and are totally unconcerned with regard to the working and living conditions of employees in those industries.

"In order to prevent organization of employees for the improvement of working conditions, elaborate systems of espionage are maintained by

the large corporations, which refuse to deal with labor unions, and employees suspected of union affiliation are discharged.

"Domination is not limited to employees but is being rapidly extended to control education and 'social service.'"

The league will hereafter hold regular meetings at Musicians' hall, 175 W. Washington st., the last Sunday of every month.

IN ENGLAND

"Oh, mother, how I wish I was an angel!"

"Darling, what makes you say that?"

"Oh, because then, mother, I could drop bombs on the Germans."

OH, THUNDER!

"Y' SEE, TH' CLOCK BROKE AN' TH' JEWELLER CAME T' FIX IT. 'GO UP AN' GET IT FOR HIM', SAYS THE MAN OF TH' HOUSE TO HIS WIFE."

HORRID MAN!



"WELL, TH' LEDDY SAYS: 'IT AINT UP STAIRS IS IT- I THOT IT HAD RUN DOWN!'"

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